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Sen. Harp secures grant for water improvements in Meriwether County

ATLANTA (November 19, 2008) – State Sen. Seth Harp (R-Midland) has secured \$500,000 in equity grant funds for water infrastructure improvements in Meriwether County. The county will use the grant to extend a waterline from nearby Hogansville Water Plant to the new 713 acre industrial Meriwether Park.

"The completion of Meriwether Park will create new job opportunities for county residents," said Sen. Harp. "I want to thank OneGeorgia Authority for providing our county with this much needed funding, which will help continue making Meriwether County a place where people are proud to work and live."

Because the industrial park cannot supply the amount of water needed for the county, Meriwether must purchase water from the Hogansville plant to serve the industrial park. The OneGeorgia equity funds will be used to construct a water main from Hogansville to Meriwether Park's interior, fire hydrants and booster pump station.

The Equity Fund Grant program is administered by the OneGeorgia Authority, which serves as a financial partner and catalyst in helping rural communities maintain excellent quality of life while also creating sustainable and diversified economies.

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